

laterally disperse fluid that it comes into contact with, while the present invention remains pliable enough to be very drapable.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 9, 10, and 17 as follows:

1. (amended) A drop cloth for covering a surface, comprising:  
a first layer having a non-woven fabric material, said non-woven fabric material [includes] including natural fibers; and  
a second layer attached to said first layer, said second layer having a liquid impervious plastic material[,]  
wherein said first layer has a thickness, and  
wherein said thickness is less than 10.0 mils.
9. (twice amended) The drop cloth of claim 1, wherein said second layer has an adhesive material disposed thereon that facilitates a temporary attachment of said second layer to said surface [such that said second layer is interposed between said adhesive material and said first layer].
10. (amended) A drop cloth for covering a surface, comprising:  
a first layer having a non-woven fabric material, said non-woven fabric material [includes] including rayon fibers; and  
a second layer attached to said first layer, said second layer having a liquid impervious plastic material[,]  
wherein said first layer has a thickness, and  
wherein said thickness is less than 10.0 mils.

17. (twice amended) The drop cloth of claim 10, wherein said second layer has an adhesive material disposed thereon that facilitates a temporary attachment of said second layer to said surface [such that said second layer is interposed between said adhesive material and said first layer].